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For: SYNTHETIC COMPOUNDS USEFUL AS NODULATION AGENTS OF

LEGUMINOUS PLANTS AND PREPARATION PROCESSES THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is in reply to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2008, to the aboveidentified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

A fee for a one-month extension of time is required. A separate Request for a One-Month Extension of Time and a check for the Official Fee accompany this response.

No additional fee is required for claims.

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate petition is enclosed, the Director of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding office action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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